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DILARAM,
BARODA.

19th Jan.

My dear Mirza,

you will remember the talk we had in Delhi about your Prince (the son of H.H the Yuvraj) and the grand-daughter of the Maharaja.

I wonder whether you have thought further on the subject.

About the girl herself - I have no doubt about her fitting into the traditions of Mysore. She is well educated in the orthodox way - Sanskrit, Mahratti, Music, Painting etc - with just the right mixture of the West and has not been to England. She is very handsome: and this branch of the family lives in the regular Hindu style.

There is of course the question

CARLTON HOUSE,
BANGALORE.

22 January 1931

My dear Mirza,

I had a telegram from the Maharaja's Private Secretary asking me to let him know whether I could arrange to be in Mysore on the 27th instant for the Dasara festivities. I have replied that I shall be there.

I am writing to you because I am not sure whether you will be there or not. If you are, I should be very glad to see you.

Yours sincerely
Mirza M. Ismail

DEWAN OF MYSORE

of the Mahratta - Rajput connection. Such alliances are common in this part of India.

How do you think will His Highness feel about it?

Leaving the 'caste' aspect aside I cannot think of a more suitable alliance. The girl will prove an intelligent companion and be a good influence in society. We ourselves have had ~~rather~~ extensive enquiries from parents of Rajput girls as our Maharaja's grandson (brother of the girl I am writing about) who is at Cambridge is of marriageable age: but have not had a single girl, eligible in the way this girl is.

The whole thing of course depends on the feeling in regard to the difference in "Caste". It is not strong here – but of course His Highness' views on it are the ones that matter.

The Maharaja Gaekwad will move formally in the matter at a later stage if a favourable issue be likely.

I shall be glad to know what you think of it all. I can of course come there whenever you want me – and ~~when~~ if you desire to know anything more I can tell you. Perhaps you found an opportunity to talk to His Highness the Maharaja about it and see how he is likely to view the suggestion?

I hope you will forgive me for troubling ~~you~~ with this in the midst of your numerous pre-occupations.

With all good wishes,

I am,
Yours very Sincerely,
V. T. Krishnamachari